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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action marked "Final" mailed on December 15, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and herewith authorize the Commissioner to charge this fee, as well as any Terminal Disclaimer fee(s) under 37 CFR § 1.20(d), or any other fee under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been rendered to Deposit Account No. 01-0025.

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